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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7181

BILL NUMBER: HB 1229

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Marion County Government.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hinkle

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill specifies that after December 31, 2010, the controller of Indianapolis, rather than the Marion County auditor, is: (1) responsible for accounting, payroll, revenue and tax distributions, and maintenance of property records for all city and county departments, offices, and agencies; and (2) responsible for the issuance of warrants for payments from county and city funds.

It transfers to the Marion County treasurer certain powers and duties of the Marion County auditor concerning property tax assessment, property tax collection, tax sales, filing of deduction and exemption applications, preparation of the tax duplicates, and carrying out duties related to petitions, remonstrances, and referenda on controlled projects.

The bill provides that in determining the compensation of the county auditor for 2011 and thereafter, the city-county council shall consider the reduced duties and responsibilities of the county auditor.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would have indeterminate fiscal impact on Marion County and the City of Indianapolis. The bill does not delete or diminish any responsibilities or administrative functions currently assigned in statute to the Marion County auditor, but rather transfers some of them to the controller of the consolidated city, to the county treasurer, or to the county auditor.

The city-county legislative body fixes the compensation of all elected consolidated city and county officers. The body may leave compensation unchanged, or increase or decrease compensation for the affected officers.

Background: For 2008, the salary of both the Marion County auditor and treasurer is \$76,500, and the Marion County assessor is \$70,500. The controller of Indianapolis' salary is \$95,000.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Marion County and the City of Indianapolis.

Information Sources: Association of Indiana Counties, *2008 23rd Annual County Factbook*; IndyStar, *County Employee Salaries*.

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